

## § 779.250

Much of the goods purchased by retailers are produced from a local intra-state supplier. In many instances these goods may have been stored at the supplier's establishment for some time. However, as long as the particular goods purchased have moved across State lines at some stage in the flow of trade to the retailer, they would have to be included in determining whether or not the enterprise has purchased or received for resale such out-of-State goods amounting to \$250,000.

### **§ 779.250 Goods that have not lost their out-of-State identity.**

Goods which are purchased or received by the enterprise from within the State will be considered goods which "have moved across State lines" if they have previously been moved across State lines and have not lost their identity as out-of-State goods before they are purchased or received by the enterprise. Also goods which have been assembled within the State after they were moved across State lines but before they are purchased or received by the enterprise will still be regarded as goods which "have moved across State lines." Such goods are still identifiable as goods brought into the State. This is also true in certain cases where goods are processed to some extent without losing their identity as out-of-State goods. For example, out-of-State furniture or television sets which are put together within the State, or milk from outside the State which is pasteurized and bottled within the State, before being purchased or received by the enterprise, are goods which "have moved across State lines." They have already moved across State lines and they retain their out-of-State identity, despite the assembly or processing within the State.

### **§ 779.251 Goods that have lost their out-of-State identity.**

(a) Goods which are purchased or received by the enterprise within the State will not be considered goods which have "moved across State lines" if the goods, although they came from outside the State, had been processed or manufactured so as to have lost their identity as out-of-State goods before they are purchased or received by

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the enterprise. This assumes, of course, that the goods so manufactured or processed do not move across State lines before they are sold by the enterprise. Thus where an enterprise buys bread baked within the State which does not move across State lines before it is resold by the enterprise, the bread is not "goods, which have moved across State lines" even if the flour and other ingredients came from outside the State. The same conclusion will follow, under the same circumstances, where clothing is manufactured from out-of-State fabrics.

(b) In those cases where goods are composed in part of goods which have, and in part of goods which have not, moved across State lines, the entire product will be considered as goods which have moved across State lines, if, as a practical matter, it substantially consists of goods which are identifiable as out-of-State goods. Whether goods have been so changed as to have lost their out-of-State identity is question which will depend upon all the facts in a particular case.

### **§ 779.252 Not in deliveries from the reselling establishment.**

Goods which move across State lines only in the course of deliveries from the reselling establishment of the enterprise are not included as goods which "move or have moved across State lines." Thus, goods delivered by the enterprise to its customers outside of the State are not, for that reason, considered goods which "move or have moved across State lines." The purpose of the provision excepting "deliveries from the reselling establishment" is to limit the test to goods which flow into the enterprise and to exclude those goods which only cross State lines when they flow out of the enterprise as an incident of the sale of such goods by the enterprise. In other words, this is an inflow test and not an outflow test.

### **§ 779.253 What is included in computing the total annual inflow volume.**

The goods which the establishment purchases or receives for resale that move or have moved across State lines must "amount in total annual volume to \$250,000 or more." It will be noted